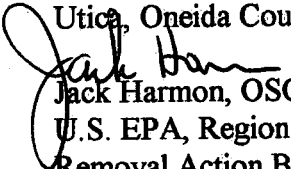


**U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
POLLUTION REPORT**

**I. HEADING**

Date: December 8, 1997

Subject: Bossert Manufacturing Site  
Utica, Oneida County, New York

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POLREP NO. 9

**II. BACKGROUND**

Site No.:	S7
Delivery Order No.:	2101-02-010
Response Authority:	CERCLA
ERNS No.:	N/A
CERCLIS No.:	NYD002249563
NPL Status:	Non-NPL
Action Memo Status:	Approved on 9/26/97
Start Date:	9/30/97
Demobilization Date:	N/A
Completion Date:	N/A



### **III. SITE INFORMATION**

#### **A. Incident Category**

CERCLA incident category: Inactive Production Facility

#### **B. Site Description**

The Bossert Manufacturing Site (site) is an abandoned production facility located at 1002 Oswego Street in the City of Utica, Oneida County, New York. The Bossert facility was used for the stamping, weldment, and fabrication of sheet metal items such as brake backing plates and steel floor grates from 1896 until the mid-1980's. During its operation, PCB oils were utilized in transformers and in hydraulic presses used in the manufacturing process. As a result of past manufacturing practices and salvage operations at the site, interior surfaces on floors and walls of the facility, as well as machinery and other structures within the building, became contaminated with PCBs.

CERCLA funds have been activated to abate the threat to public safety and the environment. Activity will include the off-site disposal of approximately 3,500 cubic yards of PCB contaminated debris, asbestos abatement, decontamination of mechanical and hydraulic presses, and the partial demolition/shoring of a building.

For a more detailed description, see Polrep No. 1 (Initial).

### **IV. RESPONSE INFORMATION**

#### **A. Situation**

##### **1. Removal Actions to Date**

12/1/97 - 12/6/97: ERRS and START remobilized to site on December 1 following the Thanksgiving holiday. On December 2, ERRS resumed the segregation and loadout of PCB contaminated debris. Removal of clean scrap metal from the building continued. All scrap metal will be salvaged and recovered funds will be readministered into the ERRS project ceiling.

ERRS placed shoring columns and braces underneath structurally troubled areas within the trimmer room. The shoring measures are to prevent further roof collapse within the trimmer room which has occurred over time due to recurring snow loads. ERRS also placed non-shrink grout on the crumbling sections of the common brick wall connecting the trimmer room and area 12. The grouting is to prevent further deterioration which could result in the collapsing of the wall.

On December 3, OSC and START conducted an inventory of the hydraulic and mechanical presses to obtain as much information possible from any remaining labels or machine markings. The information gathered will be used to assist in the PRP search.

START continued to conduct contractor monitoring, health and safety oversight, and documentation.

## **2. Enforcement**

The PRP Search for the site has been initiated and enforcement efforts are continuing.

## **B. Planned Removal Actions**

Transportation and disposal of PCB contaminated debris will resume during the week of December 8.

## **C. Key Issues**

N/A

## **V. COST INFORMATION AS OF DECEMBER 8, 1997 \***

ERRS Contractor	\$	2,040,994
START Contractor Costs		138,638
Intramural Costs		<u>223,553</u>
TOTAL	\$	2,403,185
Project Ceiling	\$	5,990,000
Percent of Project Funds Remaining		59.9%

\* The above accounting of expenditures is an estimate based on figures known to the OSC at the time this report was written. The cost accounting provided in this report does not necessarily represent an exact monetary figure which the government may include in any claim for cost recovery.

## VI. DISPOSITION OF WASTES

Wastestream	Medium	Quantity	Containment-Migration Control	Treatment	Disposal
PCB	Contaminated debris	565 cubic yards	Consolidated & Covered	Landfilled	Chemical Waste Management Model City, NY
PCB	Kiln dust & spent carbon	200 tons	Consolidated & Covered	Landfilled	Chemical Waste Management Model City, NY

## VII. SALVAGEABLE MATERIAL

Material	Quantity	Funds Recovered
Scrap Metal	44.4 tons	\$ 2,442.00

\* This table will be updated as recovered funds are received from Universal Empire Salvaging Company.